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41 The first Tub Mill and Saw Mill in the Greenbank community was owned and operated by the pioneer Wooddells probably Joseph Wooddell, this tub mill the top stone is stationary and the bottom stone the runner, while the grist mill the bottom stone is stationary and the top stone the runner a tilt hammer was installed at this mill which was greatly needed by the pioneers in making tools and implements of iron and steel this operation took place on the Henry Wooddell place in Greenbank, the lumber that finished the old colonial house of Jacob Warwick at Cloverlick was sawed on this mill at Greenbank th- some 130 years ago. A Tilt Hammer was installed at this mill which was greatly needed by the pioneers in making tools and implements of iron and steel namely horse shoes, wagon tires, shovel plows, bolts, nails and many others, few people living in the town of Greenbank today know that such a machine as the Tilt Hammer was operated in the town of Greenbank.

About 1799 the water power of North Fork was beginning to be harnessed up this was called Cartmills Creek at that time, here a Tub mill was built that was in operation for 10 to 15 years this was all built by Harman Conrad, his son Solomon in later years remodeled the mill and added to the corn rocks a way to grind buckwheat and wheat and in connection had an Up and Down saw mill and a dry kiln which was always filled with the very best White Pine lumber that found a ready sale. This Solomon Conrad homestead is the oldest house in the Greenbank community.



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About 1822 Patrick Bruffey built a grist mill and Saw Mill combined and in connection had a blacksmith Shop and established a wagon shop and supplied the community and surrounding territory with wagons, Bruffey later became Sheriff of Pocahontas County and died 1853 and today you find milling going on at this same location but the mill is known today as The North Fork Milling Co, and from the very first has been the main stand by for the community.

The pioneer Daniel Kerr located on Deer Creek at the close of the Revolutionary War and established a grist mill, saw mill and blacksmith shop and a little later a lathe was installed and was operated by Fredrick Phillips who was a wheel right and made spinning wheels, looms, reels, spoods, frames and chairs. This was the only water power mill on Deer Creek.

About 1819 Lundy Taylor settled on Galfords Creek and erected a grist mill and saw mill that was kept running until 1880.

About 1825 to 30 John Yeager erected a saw mill on Block Run a branch of North Fork and it was here that the finishing lumber was sawed for the old log church on the Allegheny Mountain. The old mill site was about two miles from the Yeager homestead and the Allegheny Battle Field on the Block Run the Monongahela National Forest passes through the old mill dam.

A few years after the Civil War Dr. J. P. Moomau erected an Up & Down mill near Greenbank, the lumber sawed was mostly Cherry which was sold to cabinet makers in this section and was made into furniture for the settlers of



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Greenbank community., a carding machine was installed along with this mill turning out wool yarn to the many weavers of that time in and around Greenbank this carding machine was operated by William B Woodell.

The last water power Saw Mill on North Fork was built and operated by Robert J Brown on Sutton Run, it was built about 1885 and was kept in running condition until 1907 in connection with this Saw Mill there was a rip saw, shingle mill, turning lathe and planing mill this was the first planing mill in the Greenbank community the finished lumber being used to finish the many houses that were being built by the settlers at this time.

The germs of time and decay have destroyed all the water power mills in this section except the North Fork Milling Company mill which is still in operation.

North Fork and Deer Creek of the Deer Creek valley beautiful mountain streams flow gently toward the sea with their power unharnessed.

Pocahontas County has many mountain streams and if harnessed would furnish an abundance of power to run machinery and generate electricity some of the most famous streams are Hills Creek, Locust Creek and Stamping Creek in the southern end of Pocahontas County, Williams River, Swago Creek, Beaver Creek, Knapps Creek and Clover Creek of the center of the county the latter Clover Creek has been harnessed near Cloverlick with a dam and a <sup>generator</sup> dinamo that furnish